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## Energy Infrastructure: An Investment in America's Future

Dear Roy,

America's natural gas and oil industry supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs, and our position as the world leader in production and refining of natural gas and oil has opened up new [infrastructure opportunities](#). By building the pipelines, storage, processing and other infrastructure needed to keep pace with new production trends, we can create [millions of jobs across a range of industries](#) in all 50 states. These are good-paying, middle class-sustaining jobs that do not rely on taxpayer dollars.

The multi-state, multi-industry, bipartisan appeal of expanding energy infrastructure is illustrated by the range of leaders speaking out about its advantages:

[Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association](#) President Darren Garrean:

"First responders understand that Nebraska and our nation needs energy. We know that to get the fuel that drives our economy we need safe pipeline infrastructure... Public trust is not easily earned, so we want the public to understand that our endorsement of [Keystone XL](#) was based upon science, best engineering practices and our members' thousands of years of experience responding in the field."

[Sean McGarvey](#), president of North America's Building Trades Unions: "You listen to folks who are interested in public policy talk about wage inequity and middle class shrinkage. Let's identify the industries that pay at the top end of the curve and that happens to be the gas and oil industry and the petrochemical industry. So let's unleash that. Let's create

### Keystone XL and the Nebraska Good

In terms of jobs, economics and U.S. energy security, the Keystone XL pipeline makes sense – without significant climate or environmental impacts, according to the U.S. State Department, which conducted five analyses of the project. On top of the economic and energy security benefits to the U.S. as a whole, Keystone XL also means an economic lifeline to individual households in the Heartland. As the Nebraska Public Service Commission considers Keystone XL, [learn more about the vital project's local benefits](#).



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those middle class jobs and let's let that free flow of private capital go into building out the nation's infrastructure, energy infrastructure, which will in turn create more tax dollars which would enhance our ability to build our public infrastructure."

By delivering affordable, [reliable energy to homes and businesses](#), energy infrastructure will continue to generate economic benefits for decades – making it an especially valuable long-term investment.

Nationwide, reliable access to energy has helped drive down [utility, product and other energy-related costs](#) for families, contributing to a \$1337 boost to the average American household budget in 2015. U.S. industrial electricity costs are 30-50 percent lower than those of our foreign competitors, giving manufacturers a major [competitive advantage](#).

Pipelines are one of the [safest, most efficient](#) ways to transport the energy the U.S. economy needs, delivering crude oil, petroleum products and natural gas at a safety rate of 99.999 percent. And pipelines contribute to cleaner air. Carbon emissions from power generation have plunged to nearly 30-year lows, and more than 60 percent of that reduction has been the result of switching to clean natural gas, delivered by pipelines.

Congress and the [Trump administration](#) have identified infrastructure expansion as a top policy objective. By [prioritizing energy infrastructure](#), policymakers can achieve major progress for the American people on job creation, cost savings and energy security.

Sincerely,



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